

SLICK MULCTING METHOD WORKED IN GERMANTOWN

Tax Office Attache "Maces" Placeholders for "Voluntary" Contributions

RIGHT IN "TOWN HALL"

Voluntary Contribution Game in Germantown THIS is how the "voluntary" contribution game is practiced in Germantown: Placeholders receive unsigned communication to the effect that "voluntary" contributions will be received.

There are as many schemes for obtaining "voluntary" contributions from city employes as there are colors in the rainbow. But there is none practiced with greater smoothness and none that furnishes better "convenience" in Philadelphia than the method used by the Vire-controlled Republican contingent of Germantown, now under the firm hand of Magistrate Thomas F. Watson.

Germantown has a city tax office and a political tax office all of its own. Both branches of business are conducted in the same room under the roof of the historic old Town Hall, on Haines street just west of Germantown avenue.

ADMITS "COLLECTION" The fact that "voluntary" contributions were received from policemen and other placeholders at the Germantown tax office was admitted by William Burns, a deputy collector, today. He insisted that the contributions were entirely "voluntary."

Every policeman and fireman in the ward received unsigned printed communications to the effect that voluntary contributions would be received for the purpose of conducting the present Republican campaign.

There is none of this business of having the collector call at your home. The policeman "step" into the tax office, as a rule, and there pay contributions.

Many of the fellows are kicking among themselves. They thought that after being free from paying contributions for the last four years that the system was done and over with.

REFUSES TO BE MACHED Another employe who is on the payroll of the Department of Public Safety and who resides in the ward vigorously denounced the practice of macing policemen and other placeholders for voluntary contributions.

THE WEATHER FORECAST For Philadelphia and vicinity—Probably rain tonight, followed by cooler; Saturday partly cloudy and much milder; strong south to west winds.

CAMDEN "GHOST" A LIVE ONE

"Ah Seen Man Climbin' From Grave," Cries Negro—Cop Investigates, Finds Injured Gravedigger

A negro dashed with express-train speed from Harleigh Cemetery, Camden, today. He bowled over several pedestrians and finally collided with a cop.

AMERICA DRIFTING TOWARD CLIMAX IN FOREIGN CRISIS Complications With Germany and Great Britain Growing More Acute

FEAR U-BOAT WAR PARTY

Tirpitz Followers May Force Renewal of Submarine Issue, Is Belief

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—Administration officials manifested a growing concern today over the foreign affairs of the United States, which seem to be growing rapidly worse, with this Government apparently powerless to prevent a drift toward serious complications.

MAN WITH KNIFE TRIES TO GET INTO WILSON'S AUTO IN PITTSBURGH Jumps on Running Board and Makes Determined Effort to Disturb the President

CARRIED SACHEL IN HAND PITTSBURGH, Oct. 20.—While President Wilson was riding in Pittsburgh today a man carrying a black satchel made determined efforts to jump on the running board of the President's car.

REVENUE OF CITY TOO SMALL UNDER NEW VALUATION

Mayor Smith Disappointed by Tax Board's Estimate WANTS METHOD REVISED

Two Rates for Realty, One on City and One on Farms, Advocated

An increase of \$262,182 in the city's revenue, shown today in the statement of assessed valuations of real and personal property for 1917 made by the Board of Revision of Taxes to Controller Walton, was pronounced entirely too low by Mayor Smith, who advocated revising the method of assessment.

GRAND TOTAL OF REVENUE Realty, assessed as city, suburban and farm property, showed the following items under the three heads: City, \$1,810,422,080; suburban, \$70,518,480, and farm, \$82,219,556, totaling \$1,963,159,116.

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NEGRO RIDE STEALERS SHOOT RAILROAD COPS One Dead, One Injured After Attempt to Get Men Off Train at Fairview, Pa.

U. G. I. STOCK ADVANCES TO ITS HIGHEST PRICE SINCE 1910; UP TO 93 1-2 Shows Gain of 4 1/2 Points as Compared With Tuesday's Close—7300 Shares Change Hands

RUMOR OF LONGER LEASE Stock of the United Gas Improvement Company today sold at the highest price since 1910 in the trading on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

NO MELON CONTEMPLATED When the attention of Samuel T. Bodine, president of the company, was called to the report he laughed. Mr. Bodine said that officials of the company have never given a thought to the extension of the lease.

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CINCINNATI, Oct. 20.—Lee Heine, betting commissioner, announced today that he had \$3000 to bet on Wilson at even money. He placed three bets Thursday at \$1800 to \$1500, \$1200 to \$1000 and \$2400 to \$2000, Hughes being the favorite in each case.

TODAY'S RACING RESULTS First Laurel, 121, maiden 2-year-olds, selling, 5 1-2 furlongs—First Ballot, 112, Mical, \$3.00, \$3.90, \$3.10, won; Lottery, 115, Keogh, \$3.80, \$3.00, second; M. K. Beal, 115, Butwell, \$3.70, third. Time, 1:10 1-5.

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HUGHES WINS U. OF P. LAW SCHOOL STRAW VOTE In a Hughes-Wilson straw vote, undergraduates of the law school of the University of Pennsylvania favor Hughes. The first-year men gave Hughes thirty-five votes and Wilson fifteen and the second-year men gave Hughes twenty-nine and Wilson nineteen.

ONE PARALYSIS DEATH; ONE NEW CASE One new case and one death from infantile paralysis were reported to the Board of Health today, making a total of 342 cases and 282 deaths since the first of the year.

\$7,000,000 LOSS ON MINED ALAUNIA LONDON, Oct. 20.—The value of the cargo and the steamship Alaunia, which was sunk in the English Channel yesterday by a mine, is estimated at \$7,000,000. She carried nearly 13,000,000 worth of war supplies.

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ASPXYIATED IN EFFORT TO RESCUE MINERS BARRACKVILLE, W. Va., Oct. 20.—Superintendent L. M. Jones, of the mine rescue car from Pittsburgh, was asphyxiated while trying to reach entombed men at Jamison No. 7 mine today.

FRENCH TO HONOR AMERICAN NEUROLOGIST PARIS, Oct. 20.—Stephen Pichon, president of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, said today that a large delegation will officially represent the French Government at a reception which is to be tendered Dr. Morton Prince, Doctor Prince, a famous American neurologist, recently arrived in France bearing a petition expressing sympathy with the French cause.

6000 MINERS STRIKE FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY PUNXSUTAWNEY, Pa., Oct. 20.—Six thousand miners employed in seven mines of the Rochester and Pittsburgh Coal and Iron Company in this vicinity are idle as a result of a strike.

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SERBS SWEEP AHEAD IN DRIVE FOR MONASTIR

Smash Enemy's Second Defense Line on Macedonian Front

RUMANIANS STRIKE BACK

Allies Beat Back Fierce German Attacks on the Somme

In the face of stubborn Bulgarian resistance, Serbian troops have pushed two miles northward in their advance on the Bulgarian base at Monastir, occupying the village of Volessolo, it was officially announced today.

The Forty-fourth and Twenty-eighth Bulgarian Regiments, the official Serbian statement declares, have been defeated and four machine guns, three field guns and eight prisoners taken.

Because of the Serbian offensive and the tense situation at Athens the Balkans held the center of the war stage today. Fragmentary messages from the Greek capital indicated that the situation was again more critical despite averse military measures reported yesterday.

On the western front heavy rains continued to impede operations throughout yesterday and last night. The Germans reported the recapture of trenches north of the Somme, but otherwise French, British and German War Offices agreed there were no developments of importance.

SERBIANS CAPTURE VILLAGES IN MACEDONIA; ROUT FOES WHO FLEE IN DISORDER

PARIS, Oct. 20.—Serbian troops have scored a brilliant success in their new advance on the Bulgarian base at Monastir, it was officially announced today.

Following the capture of the village of Brod, the Serbs advanced on the left bank of the River Cerna, carrying the plateau and village of Volessolo and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

Another contingent of Italian troops has been landed at Salonica. News of their arrival was received here today. The Italians will at once join the allied armies fighting the Germans and Bulgarians on the Macedonian front.

RUMANIAN TROOPS WREST INITIATIVE FROM TEUTONS ON TRANSYLVANIA FRONT

LONDON, Oct. 20.—The Teuton offensive planned by General Falkenhayn has been checked and the Rumanians have begun a new attack in an effort to clear the frontier of the last Teuton detachments.

On the eastern front they forced back the enemy and took 900 prisoners, while on the southern front, south of Kronstadt, they threw the German troops back over the border. Thus two points at which Falkenhayn's forces invaded Rumanian soil are free of enemy troops.

The Rumanian situation grows less anxious hourly, for the offensive seems to have passed definitely from the hands of the Germans. With the battle on the east front again in full swing, it seems hardly likely that Falkenhayn can muster enough men to strike again in force against the Rumanian border.

For King Ferdinand's troops the most important success was won in the Trotus Valley, in eastern Rumania, where the Germans had penetrated ten miles into King Ferdinand's country. Near Agas the Germans were forced to retire, leaving 400 prisoners behind, and in another sector of the valley they left 200 prisoners to the Rumanians.

South of Kronstadt, near Pradol, where for a time the German invasion threatened the railway to Bucharest, a sharp attack drove back the Teutons beyond the boundary line. At the other points along the southern front the battle apparently still hangs between the Rumanians.

Berlin makes little claim to progress in the Rumanian operations. The German official statement tells of "successful accomplishments" in the frontier regions, but does not describe any of these successes. The time when Berlin reported victory on the new front against the Rumanians has passed.